

MWOA Central Section Clearwater/Clear Lake Sanitary District Minutes

The Central Section of the Minnesota Waste Operators Association held their 2008 Fall meeting in Clear Lake in September.

Clear Lake's Mayor, William Kifmeyer, opened the meeting. He spoke about the sewer authority and the City of Clear Lake and their decision to expand the waste treatment facility. The last upgrade to the pond system was an aeration basin in 1995. The current expansion was a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR).

Tony Strande from the sanitary district followed up with a short video from Zenon explaining how the MBR process works to help define this type of technology.

Brian Mehr from the City of Hutchinson with the next presentation on their experiences with the Zenon MBR system and talked about the start-up issues they encountered.

Paul Hoeschen from the City of Cold Spring gave a presentation on their experiences with some leakage they incurred with the City's new sludge storage facility and the systematic approach in replacing the packing glands.

Next up was Alan from the City of Clear Lake who spoke about their nitrate removal water plant. It is a unique system utilizing a carousel of resin tanks.

Before lunch, Dan Broberg from Bonestroo talked about conducting the inspection process on major upgrades to the City's infrastructure. He spoke about the three major areas of concern including soils, piping/manholes, and other structures. He also stressed the importance of safety.

Joe Robelke from Infratech demonstrated the latest and greatest locating equipment on an adjacent manhole to the City Hall.

Chairperson, Paul Hoeschen, called the business meeting to order at 2:05. With no minutes to read, he proceeded on with the Director's report. Brian Mehr, complemented with Jim Miller from Bonestroo, spoke about the decision to hold the Annual meeting in Grand Rapids in 2009 and potentially beyond. Jim also spoke about membership dues notices should be sent out around Thanksgiving. With no other new business, a motion was made by Tony Strande and Robert Sogge at 2:20.

The winter meeting will be held at SCTC in December.

